

# CHICAGO CONVENTION

No Nomination Yet Made by the Democratic Gathering.

## SENATOR TILLMAN SPEAKS.

His Remarks Do Not at All Commend Him to His Hearers.

## HILL FOR THE GOLD MEN.

He Tries in Vain to Break the Force of the Silver Tide.

## GREAT OVATION TO BRYAN.

The "Boy Orator of the Platte" Now Prominent for First Place.

## VEST PLACES BLAND IN NOMINATION.

Extraordinary Demonstrations in Favor of the Missourian and of Boies.

## THE PLATFORM AS AMENDED.

Document in Full as Finally Adopted by the Convention—The Balloting to Begin To-Day—Some Virginians Robbed.

## CHICAGO, July 9.—(Special.)

The ovation accorded Bryan, of Nebraska, was the feature of to-day's events. The demonstration came at the conclusion of the latter's speech on behalf of the majority report on the platform. The scene was a seldom seen in a national convention, and never before probably, except to celebrate the nomination of a presidential candidate. Tillman, of South Carolina, had opened for the same side, and Vilas and Hill spoke for the gold men. The South Carolina Senator was disappointing to the vast audience. They had looked forward to his appearance with expectancy, but he had not consumed one half of the time allowed him before the crowd seemed weary, and time was called on him by the speakers.

What seemed to grate upon the ears of the speakers was Tillman's allusion to secession and the declaration that the present silver fight was sectional. He did not use this expression in the offensive sense generally given it by Northern and Western Republicans. What the pitifol successor of Senator Butler evidently meant was that the South and West are allied against the Middle and New England States on the great financial question of the hour. The spectators, though, appeared to connect the reference to sectionalism with war-time declarations and talk.

The speaker was frequently hissed by the immense audience, and at no time received anything like an ovation.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, the chairman of the Committee on Platform, seeing the effect of Tillman's speech on the audience, promptly came to the rescue. Mr. Jones made a five-minute speech, in which he declared that there was nothing sectional about him, but that he loved the whole country. This brought down the house.

BRYAN OF NEBRASKA. After Hill of New York, Vilas, of Wisconsin, and Russell, of Massachusetts, for the gold men, came Bryan, of Nebraska. The latter is not unknown to fame in Richmond and Manchester. In the latter place he spoke during the congressional campaign of two years ago. He is a smooth-faced, handsome fellow, and, I believe, a distant relative of the editor of the Richmond Times. Bryan is one of the delegates-at-large from Nebraska, seated by the convention yesterday in the contested case from that State. His speech was a good one from the free-silver standpoint, certainly for an aspirant to the presidential nomination, which the body he was addressing is to bestow.

At the conclusion of his speech the free-silver part of the convention went wild with joy. The standards of the silver delegates were pulled down, and enthusiastic admirers of the Nebraska man gathered with him in the center of the hall. The cue was speedily taken, and in a few minutes the standards of all free-silver delegations in the convention corralled together. The delegates and the audience seemed wild, and for more than thirty minutes the wildest demonstration probably ever witnessed in a Democratic convention prevailed.

After grouping together the standards for some time, they took their pennants and marched around the whole circuit of delegates, the enthusiastic delegates and spectators in the mean time howling and cheering themselves hoarse. The standard of the Virginia delegation was seized by Secretary Barkdale, of Halifax, and borne to the group of assembled bearers. Some enthusiastic free-silver men insisted upon seizing the banner of the Wisconsin delegation and placing it in line against the will of the delegates. This, however, the followers of Mr. Vilas gave their opponents to understand they would attempt at their peril.

CANVASS FOR THE NEBRASKAN. Scarcely had quiet been restored and proceedings resumed before the admirers of Bryan commenced an active canvass among delegates for their favorite for the nomination for President. One of the Alabamians started out with a list, and in a few minutes had secured the promise of ten of his delegation to support the Nebraska boomer.

The demonstration was not involuntary, but some extent carefully planned by the amiable and diplomatic Nebraska. During the day Bryan had shaken hands with hundreds of delegates, if he had not personally intimated to them that he was in the hands of his friends.

When the Virginia delegation was polled this morning for President it stood thus: Bland, 15; Daniel, 3; Boies, 1; Russell, 1; Hill, 1. A canvass after the big demonstration for Bryan this afternoon indicated that 22 were inclined to support the Nebraska after the scenes at the convention had terminated.

VIRGINIA FOR DANIEL. The Virginia delegation was in session for nearly two hours this morning, discussing the presidential preferences of the members. They were for Daniel.

The fact that they were seemingly determined to vote for Virginia's favorite son, and that if the vote of the delegates was challenged and polled, it would be misunderstood by outsiders, was discussed, of course, and it was decided that the delegation would be allowed for debate, one hour and twenty minutes on each side. He hoped that the con-

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"The minority content themselves with this general expression of their dissent, without going into a specific statement of these objectionable features of the report of the majority. But, upon the financial question, which engages at this time the greatest share of public attention, the views of the majority differ so fundamentally from what the minority regard as vital Democratic doctrine as to demand a distinct statement of what they hold to, as the only just and true expression of Democratic faith upon this important issue, as follows, which is offered as a substitute for the financial report of the majority."

"We declare our belief that the experiment of free silver coinage, and a change in the existing standard of value independently of the action of other great nations, would not only imperil our finances, but would be entirely destructive of the establishment of international bimetalism, to which the efforts of the government should be steadily directed. It would result in the utter ruin of the farmer, the laborer, the small business man, the wage earner, and the small investor, and would bring about a general depression of our national commerce and industry."

"Until international co-operation among the leading nations for the coinage of silver can be secured, we favor the rigid maintenance of the existing gold standard, as essential to the preservation of our national credit, the redemption of our public pledges, and the keeping inviolate of our country's honor. We insist that all our paper currency shall be kept at its full value, and that the Democratic party is the party of hard money, and is opposed to legal-tender paper money as a part of our permanent financial system; and we, therefore, favor the gradual retirement and redemption of all United States notes and Treasury notes, under such legislative provisions as will prevent undue contraction. We demand that the national credit shall be maintained at all times and under all circumstances."

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some was that it was useless to do so unless this was the case.

It was finally agreed that should Daniel's name be presented to the convention, the vote of the delegation would be cast for him solidly.

The Senator was not present at this meeting of the delegation, but he had announced his purpose to cast his own vote for Bland.

BRYAN OVATION DESERVED. When he returned to his hotel, Major Daniel said to the only son of the Senator, "The ovation accorded Bryan was well deserved. No young man ever had brighter prospects before him than he has. His speech was a fine one, and Bryan deserves from old Virginia stock, his father having been a native of Culpeper county, in our State."

TILLMAN'S ANTI-BANK PLANK. Tillman's plank of the platform prohibiting national banks from issuing money was adopted by the convention, with some unimportant modifications. Senator Daniel appeared before the committee this morning and opposed this section, and at his instance and that of others, it was changed in unessential particulars. The committee, however, would not agree to eliminate it altogether.

Mr. Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, who is the Virginia member of the committee, bitterly antagonized this plank, and declared that the committee that if the platform were presented to the convention with that in it he would offer an amendment. When the matter came up in that body Mr. Glass did attempt to offer an amendment, but it was not successful.

It was at Mr. Glass's instance that Senator Daniel went before the Platform Committee in opposition to the national bank section. In the latter part of the day, Mr. Editor Glass retired, for the time being, from the committee, and Daniel took his place.

Tillman's speech before the convention disgusted most of the present delegates. Some of the delegates, including the Virginians, were utterly disgusted with the South Carolina Senator's course to-day. Major Daniel is among the Virginia delegates who speak plainly on his mind.

VICTIMS OF PICKPOCKETS. Captain Camm Patterson, of the delegation from our State, is in hard luck. He has had his pockets picked twice since he left home. The first time, as told in these dispatches, was in the lavatory of these dispatches, on his way out here. The Captain was busily engaged at the time in explaining his free-silver views to an admiring throng about him, when some nimble-fingered thief made away with it.

At night a thief entered the room at the Sherman House occupied by Mr. Patterson and G. W. C. Blackstone, of Arkansas, and secured both of their pocket-books. Mr. Blackstone's contained \$5.00, and the other was empty.

At five minutes before 11 o'clock Senator White, of California, the permanent president of the convention, called the assembly to order, and stated that the day's proceedings would be opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas D. Greene, of Grace Episcopal church, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., the same clergyman who offered prayer yesterday.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, was called to the chair. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the platform as finally adopted by the committee.

APPLAUSE PERFUNCTORY. The applause called out by the opening passage was of a very perfunctory character, being thrown in whenever the speaker paused at the end of a sentence, without much regard to the sentiment expressed. The difficulties of hearing in the vast hall were made plainly apparent, and Mr. Jones's voice was in very bad condition. At the mention of free coinage there was a cheer, not very loud, however, and the delegates in the rear of the hall began to read over again, and Mr. Jones complied.

Even the denunciation of "government by inflection" supposed to be peculiarly a Chicagoism, failed to elicit a cheer.

DAVID BENNETT HILL. Some of the delegates, probably for the reason that Senator Jones's voice had become so indistinct that the allusion may not have been heard.

When the Cuban plank was reached some one in the front aisle unfurled a Cuban flag and waved it, but this effort at theatrical effect was promptly suppressed by the chairman, who rapped for order, and commanded the sergeant-at-arms to haul down the flag. This was immediately done, and the incident was thus brought to an ignominious close.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. As he finished the platform Senator Jones said that, at the request of the minority of the Committee on Resolutions, he would now present amendments that were proposed by the minority; also, two amendments that would be proposed by Senator Hill, of New York. All of them would now be read, after which, by agreement, would be taken up the question of whether or not to allow for debate, one hour and twenty minutes on each side. He hoped that the con-

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(Shouts of "No," "No.") The truth is, we are not going to listen to this.

These figures, he said, proved the truth of what he had said, that the people of the South and West were not being deceived by the financial system and Republican legislation.

Up to this time Senator Tillman had failed to stir up any sympathy or enthusiasm in his audience, and the latter began to give evidence of impatience and disappointment. He had only occupied twenty minutes of his fifty. This demonstration plainly irritated him, but his heart was still more aroused when he heard the sergeant-at-arms shout out to subordinates: "Stop that band!" But the music went on in spite of the order.

When Mr. Tillman asked, as soon as he could be heard once more, "Where is New York now? (Cheers.) Where are its leaders?" A silver delegate: "In the conscience."

When Mr. Tillman got another spell of cheering, he spoke of newspaper denunciation of himself and his silver friends as a "lot of howling devils" and "silver lunatics," and the audience shouted its approval of that opinion.

The men who opposed him four years ago, when he was a candidate for the nomination for the presidency, he said, "are now at my back."

"Oh, ho! it came" came an interruption from one of the audience, and the whole audience took up the "ho," and shouted so that it was heard in the galleries unless order was preserved, but the threat was not of the slightest avail, the fact being that much of the far-ago denunciation came from the sections where delegates sat.

ATTACK ON CLEVELAND. Proceeding, Mr. Tillman said he knew what was coming from the Senator from New York, and simply met it in advance in order to explain what he should offer as a substitute to the resolution of Mr. Hill's. This speech, he was aware, had no connection with the platform, but as Grover Cleveland stood for gold, and as he was a Republican, he had no objection to endorsing Grover Cleveland's Administration to ask them to write themselves down asses and liars. (Laughter and cheering.)

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